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**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 1999 7:01 PM  
**To:** Kerry and Ray Levesque & Switzer; The Horsthouse; Renee Parks; Clyde Switzer  
**Subject:** Food Irradiation Labeling - S.O.S.

The below letter is what we sent to FDA concerning information we received about food irradiation (already approved!) & their current ploy of asking for labeling that will expire & not inform the public if food is irradiated. FDA is taking public comment only until July 18th- concerning labels only. Don't rant about irradiation - it's a done deal. The best we can now do is to insure the FDA makes the labels obvious & permanent to give us a choice to boycott all irradiated food in the future.

We include a mailing address if you prefer to mail it. Otherwise E-mail to both FDA addresses and to our co-op as a CC.

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E-Mail To: FDADockets@oc.fda.gov  
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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food & Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Subject: Docket #98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food

Dear Sirs:

As consumers we are extremely concerned about keeping the labeling of irradiated foods clear and prominent with honest labeling. We are referring to Docket #98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food.

We demand that the prominent, honest labeling be maintained and continued for as long as foods are irradiated in any way. To even consider quietly phasing out the labeling after a certain period of time is totally unacceptable!! The requirement for irradiation disclosure (both the label and the radura symbol) should not expire at any time in the future!

We are very much opposed to misleading labels that use euphemistic terms such as "electronic pasteurization" or "cold pasteurization". The public has a right to know if foods are processed with any radiation...any time, every time! Help us preserve our right of choice!

Thank you in advance for acknowledging and responding to our request.

Sincerely,

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